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TO: Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Cumberland

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. With the passage of the Statewide School Construction Bond in November 2018, voters activated six new temporary bonus incentives and access to \$250M in upfront funding to support the state share of foundation school housing aid.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve a Necessity of School Construction application. A chart summarizing Cumberland Public Schools' projects is provided in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the Necessity of School Construction Projects totaling **\$79,093,500** pursuant to R.I.G.L. §16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be **\$34,648,252**, which includes \$7,380,078 in pay-as-you-go funding):

Cumberland:

- a. Additions/Major Renovation
 - i. Ashton Elementary School \$ 15,630,839
 - ii. Community Elementary School \$ 14,875,350
 - iii. Garvin Elementary School \$ 14,511,544
 - iv. McLaughlin Elementary School \$ 12,608,687
- b. Districtwide Repairs and Renovations:
 - i. BF Norton Elementary School \$ 8,354,885
 - ii. McCourt Middle School \$ 1,416,830
 - iii. North Cumberland Middle School \$ 1,519,780
 - iv. High School / Swing Space \$ 2,371,075
 - v. High School / PK / CTE \$ 7,804,510

**** The approval only includes bond funded projects.**

*** Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest.

**** District may be eligible for a maximum of 20% additional reimbursement, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-40.